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## God is Our Refuge

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Have you ever felt all alone in the world-like no one was looking out for you? I know I've been there! Maybe you have been there as well; maybe you're there now. Indeed, we will all be there at some point in our lives. And when these times of despair and uncertainty come along, it is far too easy to throw our hands in the air and give up. It is so very tempting to turn trial into failure. Of course, God's Word encourages us not to fail as a result of trial but, rather, to excel through trial. But how do we do this?

I am reminded of Deuteronomy 33:27. There Moses writes, "The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. He will drive out your enemies before you, saying, 'Destroy them!'" (NIV). The answer to the above question is simple. We excel through trial by resting in Him. If you take a close look at Deuteronomy 33:27, you'll notice that God is our protector on all sides. He is our "refuge" or our overhead cover. He is also "the everlasting arms" below (i.e., He lifts us up and supports us). He protects us from our enemies to the front, and He makes sure there is nothing behind us (i.e., He destroys our enemies).

So, when trials come our way, we don't have to surrender to fate or abandon ourselves to circumstance. Ours is not a life of "going it alone." We are not survivalists who must rely on our own wits and ingenuity to make it through the tough times in life. To the contrary, we have a providential God who is looking out for us above, below, to the front, and to the rear. We can move forward with confidence knowing that He will be there to vanquish our enemies. And even if we stumble, we have His "everlasting arms" to help us back up. And when the rains of life come crashing down, it will be alright because God is our refuge.

May you rest in the Lord this day and into the future!

God bless.